

Nov 15, 1861

The USS San Jacinto commanded by Captain Charles Wilkes, dropped anchor in Hampton Roads, Virginia. On board as prisoners were James Mason of Virg & John Slidell of Louisiana, Confederate Commissioners to the government of England and France, respectively. Acting in this way, Capt. Wilkes had stopped the

British mail steamer "Trent" on its way
from Havana, Cuba to Southampton, England
& forcibly removed the 2 commissioners
& their male secretaries. The British
reacted angrily.

The U.S. cabinet decided at a Christmas
Day meeting in 1861 to turn the prisoners
over. One of Her Majesty's ships docked
at Boston to pick up master & Shridell; the
case was closed.

Dec 1861

Banks no longer redeemed paper money for coins.

This resulted in an encroachment in the value of the coins, which encouraged hoarding.

To remedy this; in 1862 Congress authorized the issuing of federal currency.

First issue (1862), in denominations

45-, 10-, 25-, and 50-cent notes,
is known to collectors as Postage Currency
(1863) Second issue had Washington
picture on all notes.

(1864) Third issue. Washington still
appeared on 10-cent notes and also
on a new three-cent note (to
facilitate purchase of 3¢ stamp)

JAN. 29, 1861

(34)

KANSAS 34TH
STATE

Feb 1, 1861

Texas voted to secede from
the Union

Mar 3, 1861

Edict of Emancipation
Far-reaching measure by which
CZAR ALEXANDER I liberated
all Russian serfs

3/3 1861.

1861

Electric furnace

Invented by German-British
inventor Sir William Siemens
(1825-1883); patented 1896
by American inventor Edward
Edgar S. A. Acheson (1856-1931)

Feb 1861

February Patent
new federal "constitution"
issued by Emperor Franz
Joseph establishing a
bicameral parliament
that gave German bourgeoisie
strong representation.

Sept. 2, 1861

Battle of Dry Wood Creek, Mo.
Confederates won victory against
Union Kansas forces at Dry
Wood Creek, Mo. at beginning
of U.S. Civil War.

Sept 24, 1861

Balloons for Rec.

Balloonist Thedens Lowe
paved worth of the recently created
civilian Balloon Corps when he
rose 1000 ft above Arlington, Va
and spotted Confederate troops
in Falls Church, 3 mi away
and telegraphed their positions
to the Union troops.

1861

Steam Operated Elevator
patented by American
inventor Elisha G. Otis
(1811 - 1861)

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Nov. 8, 1861

TRENT AFFAIR

Capt. Charles Wilkes of the U.S. sea forces stopped the British mail steamer TRENT on the high seas, taking off John Slidell and James H. Mason, Confederate commissioners to England and France. The North applauded. Lincoln and Seward realizing the gravity of the act, yielded both men with apology.

1861

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(1818-1903) Richard Jordan GATLING

American inventor. Born in Hartford County, N.C. His principal invention was the revolving gun (1861), which he later improved. The gun was adopted for use by the U.S. (1866), and by several European governments. Among his other inventions may be noted a steam plow, a hemp-breaking machine, and a new

quonset of steel and aluminum.
He invented the Gathering process.